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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

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1. Congo

Prime Minister Tshombé is in Brussels today for talks with Belgian Foreign Minister Spaak. The Belgians have their commitments to Tshombé under review and would like to see him broaden the base of his government, and thus its appeal.

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Nasir to stave off Egypt's looming financial crisis. He has already received a boost from the USSR which agreed to postponements in debt repayments.

3. Panama

First reactions in Panama have welcomed that part of the President's statement dealing with a new treaty. The Costa Rican President considers that the US is being "fair and just" to Panama. He and the Nicaraguan President are gratified that their countries are under consideration for the sea-level canal.

4. South Vietnam

Groundwork is being laid for talks between the Huong government and the Buddhists. The Buddhists, however, are still preparing for further anti-government moves this weekend.

5. Indonesia

Sukarno has decided to establish full diplomatic relations and exchange ambassadors with East Germany. Djakarta already has ambassadors to North Korea and North Vietnam. The West Germans will probably react by withdrawing their economic aid.